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Southern California Edison Updates Operations at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

ROSEMead, Calif., Feb. 3, 2012 — Southern California Edison (SCE) is offering this update regarding the status of operations at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS).

There has been a great deal of media interest in the precautionary shutdown of Unit 3 at the plant as the result of a leak in one of the unit's steam generator tubes.

The San Onofre plant is equipped with highly sensitive instrumentation that provides continuous monitoring of building ventilation and equipment exhausts for radioactivity. This enables the company to detect very small changes and to take actions quickly to prevent potential changes in detectable readings outside the plant boundary.

On the afternoon of Jan. 31, plant operators began to see small but increasing readings on the instruments. The readings were still far below the limits that have been established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to ensure public health and safety; however, plant operators made the decision, out of an abundance of caution, to voluntarily shut down SONGS Unit 3.

SONGS followed plant procedures to safely shut down operations, working closely with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which has inspectors on-site.

At no time did the leak pose a danger to the public or plant workers.

Operators have safely cooled down Unit 3 to approximately 105 degrees Fahrenheit and will begin the process of assessing the leak and determining appropriate repairs the middle of next week.

SCE alerted key community partners, legislators and regulators. To share the information with the public, the company also issued a news release, used Twitter and Facebook, and posted the release on the SONGS and Edison websites.

At that time the Unit 3 leak was discovered, Unit 2 was already off line due to a planned outage for maintenance, refueling and technology upgrades. Any comments being made about the Unit 2 steam generator are very preliminary and are based on early indications from an ongoing initial series of tests currently under way as part of the plant's routine outage inspection process that the industry performs on new steam generators.

Plant operators will inspect all 19,400 tubes. To ensure safety, the plant routinely does inspections on thousands of components, follows nuclear industry best practices, and is thorough

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and precise in reviews as a regular course of business, working closely with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

It's important to note that it is not unprecedented to find very small areas of accelerated wear during the first couple of years of a steam generator's life.

All of this data must be analyzed and only then can the plant make determinations regarding any actions necessary going forward. As always, the plant is sharing information with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and is keeping them informed and involved with our work.

Safety is a top priority at SCE so everything being done at SONGS is to ensure the safe, reliable operation of a plant that supplies electrical service to 1.4 million homes in Southern California.

More information will be available when plant inspections are completed.

About Southern California Edison

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